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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Courtney Thomas

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 November 2002 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 06/29/05; 07/12/05.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-19 and 21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Election/Restrictions

2. Claim 20 stands as withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 12/29/04.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show the multipin phantom (775) in Fig. 7 as described in the specification (see para. [0062]). Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the drawing. MPEP § 608.02(d). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either

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“Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 10-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for imaging system calibration employing a multipin phantom, does not reasonably provide enablement for such calibration without a multipin phantom. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to practice the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. The invention as described in the specification requires imaging a multipin phantom which is not recited in the claims. Furthermore, the disclosure teaches that an X-ray beam and not electrons irradiate the array of detectors as recited in claims 10, 11 and 18 (see Figs. 1 & 7 – note X-rays irradiating detector arrays 160 & 760; see also para. [0027]).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-9 and 21 are allowed.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

8. **As per claim 1 and dependent claims 2-9**, the examiner found no reference in the prior art that disclosed or made obvious a method comprising the steps of **a)** scanning a phantom having pins located at positions in the phantom, **b)** calculating estimated pin positions for the

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pins in the phantom with respect to a reference position, based on at least one of an estimated detector position and motion pattern; **c)** modifying at least one of the estimated detector positions and pin positions based on at least two of the estimated detector positions, motion pattern and pin positions; **d)** determining variation in the motion pattern based on at least one of the estimated detector positions and pin positions and **e)** adjusting the motion pattern for the energy source based on the variation as recited in independent claim 1.

9. **As per claim 21**, the examiner found no reference in the prior art that disclosed or made obvious a method comprising the steps of: a) measuring X-ray system geometrical parameters using a multipin phantom to obtain measured values; b) correcting variations between the measured parameter values to produce corrected parameter values and c) modifying a coil current deflecting an electron beam based on the corrected parameters, as recited in independent claim 21.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney Thomas whose telephone number is (571) 272-2496. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (9 am - 5 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on (571) 272 2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtney Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Courtney Thomas
Primary Examiner
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